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DR. HAMPDEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STANDARD.

SIR,—We are instructed to request that you will notify that, in the matter of Dr. Hampden, the Promoters have no intention of proceeding by petition to the House of Lords, their plain object having been to try the fitness of Dr. Hampden for the office of a Bishop on the ground of suspected unsoundness of teaching; that they have had recourse to the appointed Court for the purpose of stating their objections, and, though promised a hearing, they have been sent away unheard; they have applied for a *mandamus*, and, the Judges being equally divided in opinion, they have failed to obtain a writ. They have sufficient reasons for declining to enter upon a new question of Privilege affecting the House of Lords; and they now leave it to the authorities, spiritual and temporal, in their respective departments, to apply whatever remedies are required. The Promoters are content, in patience, that the case thus treated, but undetermined, should stand on record for all time, as one of a *Bishop-elect confirmed uncanonically*, as they believe; of an *Ecclesiastical Court refusing to hear those whom it cites to appear*; of the *Law doubtful in the divided opinion of the Judges*; and yet they hopefully pause for an *Archbishop*, now the last remaining authority

to whom they can look, to deal with this notorious case as his conscience dictates, and as the call of the Church, so widely expressed, requires.

We are, Sir, your faithful servants,
TOWNSEND and ROBERTS.

Doctors' Commons, Feb. 26.

TO THE CLERGY.

THE attention of the Clergy is directed to the above letter, and to the two following documents. Short as is the time—it being now publicly reported that, notwithstanding all that has occurred, Dr. Hampden is to be consecrated *on the 26th instant*—there is still an opportunity for such as may see these documents to *protest*, this being the only course now left to the *inferior* Clergy, against an act fraught with such deep and abiding injury to the peace and unity of the Church, if not to her existence as a National Establishment.

To the Most Reverend Father in God JOHN BIRD, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

WE, the undersigned Clergymen of the Church of England, desire to approach your Grace with deep reverence for your high office, and with earnest prayer for the Divine blessing upon your Grace's counsels and labours for the Church.

Your Grace's recent accession to the Primacy imposes it on us as a solemn duty to make known to your Grace those sentiments, already largely expressed by the Clergy, and graciously received by your venerated predecessor, with which we have viewed the events connected with the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Hampden to the see of Hereford.

It is reported that Dr. Hampden was elected to that see, and that, at the confirmation of the said election in the Court of the Archbishop, certain objections were in due form offered; and that, although any and all objectors to the said election had been cited to appear, the Judge and his assessors refused to hear the said, or any other, objections, on the ground that the Court was not competent to receive them; and that, on an application to the Court of Queen's Bench, the Judges were equally divided in opinion, thereby leaving the question of the validity of such confirmation still undecided. It is also notorious that the said Dr. Hampden has for many years laboured under the imputation of being a teacher of unsound doctrines, contrary to the true Christian faith, and the Articles and Formularies of the Church of England.

We therefore the undersigned, Clergymen of the Church of England, humbly beg your Grace to receive this our solemn PROTEST against the consecration of Dr. Hampden to the office of a Bishop, until such time as satisfaction shall have been given to the Church as to the soundness of the faith and teaching of the said Dr. Hampden.

PROTEST.

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, AMEN.

To the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops, of the United Church of England and Ireland, the PROTEST of the undersigned Clergymen of the said Church.

WHEREAS it is reported that the Rev. R. D. HAMPDEN, D.D., was elected to be Bishop of the Church and Diocese of Hereford; and whereas it is also reported that the said election was confirmed in the Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury; and whereas it is also reported that, at such Confirmation, although any and all objectors to the said election were cited to appear, and certain objections were in due form offered, the Judge and his Assessors refused to hear the said or any other objections, stating that the said Court was not competent to receive them; and whereas, on an application to the Court of Queen's Bench, the Judges were equally divided in opinion, thereby leaving the question of the validity of such Confirmation still unde-

ecided : and whereas the aforesaid R. D. Hampden has for many years laboured under the imputation of being a teacher of unsound doctrines, contrary to the true Christian faith, and the Articles and Formularies of the Church of England ; and whereas such imputation does not rest upon any vague report, but upon the deliberate judgment of many of the most learned Divines of the said Church, together with two decisions of the Convocation of the University to which he belongs, such judgment and such decisions being founded upon sermons and other writings published by the said R. D. Hampden, and still in circulation :—

Therefore we the undersigned, Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland, do hereby, in the face of the Holy Catholic Church, solemnly PROTEST against the Consecration of the said R. D. Hampden to the office of a Bishop, and do implore your Lordships to surcease from consecrating the said R. D. Hampden, until such time as satisfaction shall have been given to the Church as to the soundness of the faith and teaching of the said R. D. Hampden.

* * * *Signatures to the above 'Address' and 'Protest' may be sent to MESSRS. RIVINGTON, Waterloo Place, London.*

They will be presented, or forwarded, to the Archbishop, as his Grace shall command, with the names of the subscribers, on some day previous to Sunday the 26th instant,—the day which public rumour has assigned to the Consecration.

“ Christ is emphatically said to be our Atonement ; not that we may attribute to God any change of purpose towards man by what Christ has done ; but that *we may know* that we have passed from the depth of sin to the life of righteousness by *Him* ; and that our *own hearts* may not condemn us.”—*Bampton Lectures*, 2nd Edition, p. 252.

[The Italics are Dr. Hampden's.]

See a *Letter to a Clergyman in London*, by the Rev. Dr. Mill (Masters) ; and Two Articles on Dr. Hampden's Theology in the *Christian Observer* for January and February [copied into the *English Churchman*, Feb. 10].

